GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:449
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2015
Beneficiaries under NFSA
Ajmal Shri Sirajuddin

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) in the country as on date;
(b) the number of beneficiary families covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), State/UT-wise;
(c) whether the Government has urged the States to submit the list of beneficiaries to be covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), if so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereto, State-wise; and
(d) whether the Government has undertaken or proposes to undertake the evaluation of the implementation status of NFSA and if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a) to (d): Based on the preparedness and identification of beneficiaries reported by 23 States/Union Territories (UTs), foodgrains under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) are being allocated to them. Details of these States/UTs and identified beneficiaries reported by them are at Annexure. Under the Act, States/UTs are required to identify the eligible households and place their list in the public domain and display it prominently. Remaining 13 States/UTs have not completed all the preparatory measures required for implementation of the Act. Foodgrains allocation under existing Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is continuing in these States/UTs.
Implementation of the Act is reviewed on a regular basis and necessary advisories are issued to States/UTs, wherever required. Various meetings/ conferences have also been held with the States/UTs to review status of implementation of the Act. This year, four such meetings − on 7 July, 1 September, 19 November (with North-Eastern States) and 23 November, 2015 − have been held with the States/UTs. During such meetings/conferences, the points raised by States/UTs are clarified and the need for early implementation of Act and necessary strengthening of TPDS in order to be able to successfully deliver entitlements in a rights-based approach under NFSA are emphasized.
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ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 449 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 01.12.2015 IN THE LOK SABHA
DETAILS OF IDENTIFIED BENEFICIARIES UNDER NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013 (NFSA)
S. No.
NAME OF THE STATE/UT
NO. OF PERSONS REPORTED BY STATE/UT AS IDENTIFIED FOR COVERAGE (IN LAKH)
(1)
Andhra Pradesh
268.16
(2)
Assam
240.59
(3)
Bihar
857.12
(4)
Chandigarh
1.78
(5)
Chhattisgarh
200.77
(6)
Daman & Diu
0.97
(7)
Delhi
72.64
(8)
Goa
5.11
(9)
Haryana

126.49
(10)
Himachal Pradesh
26.78
(11)
Jharkhand
233.41
(12)
Karnataka
401.93
(13)
Lakshadweep
0.22
(14)
Madhya Pradesh
509.52
(15)
Maharashtra
700.17
(16)
Odisha
294.49
(17)
Puducherry
4.45
(18)
Punjab
141.45
(19)
Rajasthan
446.62
(20)
Telangana
191.62
(21)
Tripura
22.07
(22)
Uttarakhand
61.94
(23)
West Bengal
158.77
Note: Chandigarh and Puducherry are implementing NFSA in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
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